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1. The Poldi Foundry Plant Chomutov of the United Steelworks National Enterprise (SONP, zavod Poldina hut, Chomutov), on the north edge of Chomutov, is now known as the Fucik Works. Production and planning are now in the hands of Russian engineers, there being 10 or 15 of them present. The factory has an engineering and office staff of at least 480 or 490 persons. About 820 or 830 women work at the place as skilled laborers. The head of the factory is changed almost monthly, since quotas are rarely attained. The armed guard at the factory is strong and the factory police is 90 or 95 in number, all armed with machine pistols and hand grenades. The guard unit is motorized, having four motorcycles, three trucks and a personnel carrier. There are also two or three light machine guns.
2. The Fucik Works operates in three shifts, technically of eight hours, actually of 9 to 9½ hours, since the laborers of each shift are required to arrive well before their work begins so that production will not be slowed by the change-over. The factory gets electricity from the city plant but also has its own diesel installation for emergencies. The factory has direct rail connection to the freight station in Chomutov. Within its area there are also a number of narrow gauge lines and a large number of moving cranes.

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